

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATESVILLE DIVISION

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CHARLOTTE, NC

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US DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NC

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	DOCKET NO. 5:20-cr-88-KDB
)	
v.)	<u>BILL OF INDICTMENT</u>
)	
)	Violation:
)	18 U.S.C. § 2251(a)
MICHAEL SCOTT HOOVER)	18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(5)(B)
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THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT ONE

(Production of Child Pornography)

On or about June 20, 2018, in Wilkes County, within the Western District of North Carolina and elsewhere, the defendant,

MICHAEL SCOTT HOOVER,

did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice and coerce minor victim 1 to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct using materials that had been mailed, shipped, or transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a) and (e).

COUNT TWO

(Production of Child Pornography)

On or about August 4, 2019, in Yancey County, within the Western District of North Carolina and elsewhere, the defendant,

MICHAEL SCOTT HOOVER,

did employ, use, persuade, induce, entice and coerce minor victim 2 to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing any visual depiction of such conduct using materials that had been mailed, shipped, or transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a) and (e).

COUNT THREE
(Possession of Child Pornography)

On or about August 26, 2019, in Wilkes County, within the Western District of North Carolina and elsewhere, the defendant,

MICHAEL SCOTT HOOVER,

knowingly possessed, and accessed with intent to view, any material that contained an image of child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), that has been mailed, and shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and that was produced using materials that have been mailed, and shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B).

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE AND FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

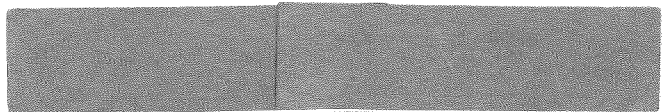
Notice is hereby given of 18 U.S.C. § 2253. The following property is subject to forfeiture in accordance with Section 2253:

- a. Any visual depiction or book, magazine, periodical, film, videotape, or other matter which contains any such depiction, which was produced, transported, mailed, shipped, or received during the violations set forth in this bill of indictment;
- b. Any property, real or personal, constituting or traceable to gross profits or other proceeds obtained from proceeds of the violations;
- c. Any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used to commit or promote the violations; and
- d. If, as set forth in 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), any property described in (a), (b), or (c) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence, has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party, has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court, has been substantially diminished in value, or has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty, all other property of the defendant/s to the extent of the value of the property described in (a), (b) and (c).

The Grand Jury finds probable cause to believe that the following property is subject to forfeiture on one or more of the grounds state above:

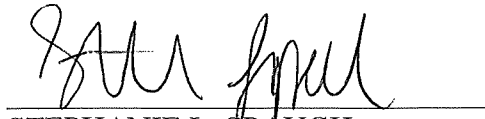
- a. An Apple iPhone seized during the investigation.

A TRUE BILL:



FOREPERSON

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY



STEPHANIE L. SPAUGH
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